

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

1. (Amended) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, more than 10%, and up to 20%, of Al; 0.1 to 10% of Zn; more than 0.5%, and up to 15%, of Sn; and 0.05 to 1.5% of Mn.
2. (Amended) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, more than 10%, and up to 20%, of Al; 0.1 to 10% of Zn; more than 0.5%, and up to 10%, of Sn; and 0.05 to 1.5% of Mn, and has crystal size of 10 to 300 $\mu$ m.
3. (Amended) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, 18 to 20% of Al; 0.1 to 5% of Zn; more than 0.5%, and up to 10%, of Sn; and less than 1.5% of Mn, and has a tensile strength (x) at 20°C larger than 240 MPa; and an elongation (y) larger than 0.5% and at the same time larger than a value calculated by  $y = -0.295x + 78$ .
4. (Amended) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, 12 to 15% of Al; 0.1 to 5% of Zn; 1 to 10% of Sn; 0.1 to 0.5% of Mn, and the remainder contains Mg more than 75%.

5. (Amended) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, 12 to 15% of Al; 0.1 to 5% of Zn; 1 to 10% of Sn; 0.1 to 0.5% of Mn; one kind or more than two kinds of elements selected from the group consisting of Ca, Si and rare-earth elements of which the total content is less than 5%; at least one kind of element selected from the group consisting of Sr and Sb of which the total content is less than 1%; and the remainder which is consisting essentially of Mg.

6. (Amended) A Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, 12 to 20% of Al; and more than 0.5%, and up to 10%, of Sn.

7. (Amended) A Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, 2 to 20% of Al; more than 0.5%, and up to 10%, of Sn; and less than 1.5% of Mn.

8. (Amended) A high strength Mg based casting alloy, which contains, by weight, 10 to 15% of Al; 0.5 to 3% of Sn; 1.5 to 4.5% of Sn; 0.05 to 0.5% of Mn; and the remainder which is consisting essentially of Mg.

9. (Amended) A high strength Mg based alloy according to any one of claims 1 to 4, which contains one kind or more than two kinds of elements

selected from the group consisting of Ca, Si and rare-earth elements of which the total content is less than 5% by weight; and at least one kind of element selected from the group consisting of Sr and Sb of which the total content is less than 1%.

10. (Amended) A Mg based casting alloy according to any one of claims 6 to 8, which contains one kind or more than two kinds of elements selected from the group consisting of Ca, Si and rare-earth elements of which the total content is less than 5% by weight; and at least one kind of element selected from the group consisting of Sr and Sb of which the total content is less than 1%.

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11. (Amended) A die cast article, which is molded using a molten metal of the alloy according to any one of claims 1 to 8.

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Please add the following new claims to the application:

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--22. A die cast article, which is molded using a molten metal of the alloy according to claim 9.

23. A die cast article, which is molded using a molten metal of the alloy according to claim 10.

24. The Mg-based casting alloy according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the alloy includes at least 12%, and up to 20%, of Al.

25. The Mg-based casting alloy according to any one of claims 1-3, 6 and 7, wherein the alloy includes at least 1%, and up to 10%, of Sn.

26. The Mg-based casting alloy according to any one of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7, wherein the alloy includes 12%-17% Al.--